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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARTICLE BY THE SECRETARY ON
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1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S OFFICE TODAY INFORMED
FOREIGN OFFICE EDITOR OF BICENTENNIAL MAGAZINE THAT
HE HAS AGREED TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR JULY 4 ISSUE
OF THIS SPECIAL PUBLICATION AND INQUIRED WHETHER
THE SECRETARY HAD AGREED TO WRITE FOR NEXT ISSUE.
EDITOR REPLIED NEGATIVELY PER REFTEL BUT INFORMED
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE THAT HE WOULD OFFER SPACE TO
THE SECRETARY IN MAY ISSUE WHICH HAS PRINTING
DEADLINE OF MARCH 21.

2. WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A PRESTIGE
MAGAZINE AND PROJECT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO STRESS
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL IN FEDREP.
10,000 COPIES SENT GRATIS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY TO
HIGH-LEVEL FEDERAL, STATE, CITY, EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL OFFICIALS INFORMING THEM OF BICENTENNIAL
ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND ENCOURAGING
THEM TO CARRY OUT ADDITIONAL BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS.
MAGAZINE HAS CARRIED ARTICLES BY PRESIDENT SCHEEL,
AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND, MINISTER GENSCHER AND, AS
NOW CONFIRMED, WILL CARRY ARTICLE BY CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT. ABSENCE OF AN ARTICLE BY THE SECRETARY
WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY FOREIGN OFFICE AND
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WOULD BE GLARINGLY OBVIOUS TO THOUSANDS OF OFFICIALS

WHO HAVE HELPED ORGANIZE LARGEST FOREIGN CELEBRATION
OF AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL.

3. EMBASSY DRAFT WAS A SUGGESTION AND, OF COURSE,
SHOULD BE CHANGED COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY IF DESIRED.
HOWEVER LENGTH SHOULD REMAIN.
HILLENBRAND

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